

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Saturday, January 14, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; Hon. Don Campbell in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The President then announced that Senate would proceed to the election of Engrossing Clerk, and that the names of Cook and Porter were in nomination. Senators Flanagan, Douglas and Hall acting as tellers.

Vote as follows:

Cook.....	15
Porter.....	12
Evans.....	1
Blank.....	1

Cook having received a majority of votes cast was declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk of the Senate.

President announced that Senate was ready to proceed to election of Enrolling Clerk.

Senator Parsons put in nomination Chas. Culmore.

Senator Pridgen put in nomination G. R. Spaulding.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination C. M. Height.

Senator Pridgen withdrew the name of G. R. Spaulding.

Vote as follows:

Culmore.....	15
Height.....	15

There being no election, Senate proceeded to ballot again.

Vote as follows:

Culmore.....	14
Height.....	15
Fillmore.....	1

There being still no election Senate proceeded to ballot again.

Vote as follows:

Culmore.....	15
Height.....	14
Fillmore.....	1

Neither candidate having received a majority of votes cast, the Senate, on motion of Senator Bowers, postponed the election of Enrolling Clerk till next Thursday, 12 M.

Senator Ruby offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, On the 29th day of June, 1870, E. C. Alford, then Senator for the Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, was expelled from this body by a two-thirds majority, in accordance with the Constitution of the State; and,

Whereas, a vacancy thereby occurred in the Twenty-sixth Senatorial District; and,

Whereas, the Governor did order an election to fill the said vacancy; and,

Whereas, the issue of vacancy having been submitted to the people at said election, and both political parties having recognized said vacancy by putting forth candidates to fill said vacancy thus recognized by them; and,

Whereas, the name of R. Hildebrandt was returned by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, in accordance with the thirty-seventh section of the Election Law of the State, as having received a majority of the votes cast for Senator at said election, and as having been duly elected to said office of Senator, in the place of the aforesaid Alford; and,

Whereas, the credentials of said R. Hildebrandt are now upon the desk of the President of the Senate, for recognition; therefore,

Resolved, That the oath of office be now administered to R. Hildebrandt, and that he be admitted to his seat on this floor as Senator elect for the Twenty-sixth Senatorial District of the State of Texas.

Senator Flanagan made the following point of order :

That the Senate could not entertain any regular business until its thorough organization, and that the resolution was out of order.

Senator Bowers proposed to amend the point of order by the additional fact that the subject matter of the resolution had been acted upon and disposed of by the Senate.

Accepted by Senator Flanagan.

The President decided that no regular business would be entertained until the Senate had completed its organization, and that the resolution was out of order,

Whereupon Senator Ruby appealed from the decision of the chair.

The yeas and nays being demanded, resulted as follows :

Yeas—Senators Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle and Shannon—14.

Nays—Senators Baker, Bell, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor and Tendency—14.

So the Senate sustained the chair.

On motion of Senator Pridgen, Senate proceeded to the election of Calendar Clerk.

Senator Pridgen nominated John Collier.

Senator Baker nominated H. Mordecai.

Upon telling the vote, it appeared Mr. Mordecai had received thirteen votes, Collier fourteen, and Coon one.

No one having received a majority, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result:

Mordecai.....	16
Collier.....	14

H. Mordecai, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

The Senate then proceeded to the election of Doorkeeper.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination B. W. Pierce.

Senator Clark nominated Joseph McKnight.

Senator Pettit nominated T. J. Powell.

FIRST BALLOT.

Pierce.....	13
McKnight.....	6
Powell.....	10

No election.

SECOND BALLOT.

Pierce.....	15
McKnight.....	4
Powell.....	10

Pierce having received a majority, was declared elected.

Senate then proceeded to elect Assistant Doorkeeper.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination Tom Hancock, colored.

Senator Fountain nominated Scipio Thompson.

. First ballot stood as follows :

Hancock...	12
Thompson.....	14
Mangum.....	1
Blank.....	1
Weir.....	1

No election.

SECOND BALLOT.

Hancock.....	13
Thompson.....	14
Weir.....	2
Blank.....	1

No election.

THIRD BALLOT.

Hancock.....	14
Thompson.....	14
Weir.....	1
Blank.....	1

No election.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Hancock.....	15
Thompson.....	14
Blank.....	1

No election.

FIFTH BALLOT.

Hancock...	15
Thompson.....	14

Hancock, having received a majority of votes, declared duly elected.

On motion of Senator Mills, the President was authorized to appoint porters for the Senate.

On motion of Senator Baker the Senate proceeded to the election of Chaplain.

Senator Baker nominated Rev. Henry Thomas.

Senator Flanagan nominated Rev. — Talliaferro.

Senator Mills nominated Rev. B. A. Rogers.

Senator Ruby nominated Rev. — Barajo.

Senator Evans nominated Rev. M. W. Mathews.

Senator Pettit nominated Rev. H. B. Phillips.

Senator Hertzberg nominated Pius IX.

Senator Hall nominated Rev. Ned Butler, colored.

FIRST BALLOT.

Thomas.....	4
Talliaferro.....	12
Rogers.....	3
Barajo.....	1
Mathews.....	2
Phillips.....	1
Butler.....	4
Blank.....	1
Fillmore.....	1
Swisher.....	1
Honey.....	1

SECOND BALLOT.

Thomas.....	3
Talliaferro.....	12
Rogers.....	4
Barajo.....	1
Mathews.....	2
Phillips.....	1
Butler.....	3
Fillmore.....	1
Swisher.....	1
Honey.....	1

THIRD BALLOT.

Talliaferro.....	14
Rogers.....	5
Barajo.....	1
Mathews.....	2
Phillips.....	1
Butler.....	5
Fillmore.....	1
Honey.....	1

Senator Baker withdrew the name of Rev. Henry Thomas.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Talliaferro.....	13
Rogers.....	9
Mathews.....	3
Butler.....	3
Flanagan..	1
Fillmore...	1

FIFTH BALLOT.

Talliaferro.....	14
Rogers.....	8
Mathews.....	2
Butler....	4
Fillmore.....	1
Blank.....	1

SIXTH BALLOT.

Talliaferro	15
Rogers	6
Mathews.....	2
Butler	5
Fillmore	1

Talliaferro having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected.

Senate then proceeded to the election of Postmaster.

Senator Flanagan nominated Sam. Houston.

Senator Tendick nominated J. M. Kaumheimer.

FIRST BALLOT.

Houston	15
Kaumheimer..	15

No election.

SECOND BALLOT.

Houston	16
Kaumheimer	14

Houston receiving a majority of votes was declared elected.

On motion of Senator Ruby, a committee of three was appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives and the Governor, and inform them that the Senate had organized and was ready to proceed to business.

The Chair announced Senators Ruby, Mills and Douglas as said committee.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Monday.